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Of Gift Deeds and Duplicates

To the Editor:

Having donated personal papers to a university, I know that at least two copies of a deed of gift are made, indeed must be made: one for the donor of the gift and one for the recipient.

If, in fact, a proper deed was executed for Mr. Nixon's gift to the National Archives — which his counsel now claim has mysteriously disappeared — a duplicate should have been given at the time to the National Archives and should still be in their possession.

Why doesn't somebody ask the National Archives?

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